

BROKER'S CLERKS IN STAMP CASE

Government Has Lost Thousands of Dollars Through Their Trick.

CANCELLED STAMPS USED.

Suspicion Aroused by a Great Decrease in Internal Revenue Collector's Sales.

WHO HAS BEEN THE "FENCE?"

One Boy Employed by Price, McCormick & Co. Has Confessed His Guilt, and Will Furnish Valuable Evidence.

A very simple scheme "worked" in the Wall street district has cost the United States Government thousands of dollars in the last four weeks. The method employed has been the use of already cancelled internal revenue tax stamps. By this plan a single stamp has been made to do duty on several occasions or contracts. The stamps range in denomination from 2 cents to \$50 each, \$1 and \$5 stamps being the most often used, the law requiring that every contract, agreement to sell or memorandum of sale requires a stamp based on each \$100 of face value or fraction of \$100.

The United States Internal Revenue office here has known for the past three weeks that something was radically wrong in the Wall street district. The office sales of stamps to brokers fell off suddenly, a month ago, to the extent of about \$12,000 to \$15,000 a day. This condition of affairs brought the United States Internal Revenue agents into play. They comprise the secret service of the department.

Special Revenue Agent Frank G. Thompson, who has charge of the Wall street branch of the war tax revenue bill, had for some time suspected that the brokers were using stamps that had once been cancelled. He discovered a culprit yesterday in a young man, who, he said, was connected with one of the largest and most reputable houses in that section, a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

The name of the young man is the Revenue office refused to make public, because he is being used to obtain evidence against others who are playing at the same game at the expense of other reputable houses in the street.

Big Field for Boys' Dishonesty.
The house in question uses from \$200 to \$300 worth of revenue stamps a day. The clerk who has been found out is the one who makes out the sheets for the house. He has been receiving new or unused revenue stamps from the firm to place them upon the contracts that pass through the Clearing House.

Instead of using these new stamps for that purpose, he has stripped cancelled stamps from old contracts and placed them upon new contracts. They were not missed from the old contracts, because on these contracts there are usually half a dozen or more stamps. To take one or two of these stamps is a very easy matter and not apt to attract attention.

The new stamps which this clerk found in his possession through this proceeding he has been in the habit of selling at five or ten cents or less on the dollar to disreputable concerns or their agents. It was said at the revenue office that an ex-Assistant District Attorney is the counsel for the firm, and that while the Government officials are perfectly sure that the firm was not cognizant of any dishonesty on the part of their employees, it is certainly liable in quite a large sum of money to the Government for twice-used stamps. Revenue Agent Thompson yesterday warned a number of the largest Wall Street firms that several of the clerks who make out and deliver their contracts to the Clearing House have been guilty of similar violations. This, however, is the first instance in which he has been able to fasten it directly on any particular individual.

Colonel Williams, chief of this division, hopes that the discovery of the one offender and the attendant publicity may lead to the breaking up in a measure of the use of cancelled stamps.

A ruling by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is said to make this fraud easy to accomplish. The Commissioner has ruled that it is not necessary to cancel the stamp with the exact date of usage, but that the year is all that can be required.

It is said that the brokers usually leave the cancelling of the stamps to a subordinate, often an office boy. The old contracts, with the cancelled stamps upon them, are, of course, saved. There is therefore an almost indefinite supply of cancelled stamps on hand in places where the boys have access to them.

It has been a patent fact to a great many people who do business in Wall Street that for several weeks the messenger boys in the employ of the big houses have been exceedingly flush of money.

Mr. Walter Price Takes Action.

One of the boys employed by Price, McCormick & Co., brokers, at Nos. 44 and 46 Broadway, to carry contracts to the Clearing House, and into whose hands uncanceled stamps have come, has been for some time under suspicion on account of the amount of money he was spending. He was placed under surveillance and it was soon discovered that he was growing rich through cancelled stamps. Mr. Walter Price sent for the boy as soon as this information was brought to him. After a short talk the lad admitted that he had sold uncanceled stamps to certain men whom he was in the habit of meeting before an almost indefinite supply of cancelled stamps on hand in places where the boys have access to them.

Mr. Price took the boy to the firm's attorney, Battle & Weeks. He read him his story to them and gave up some of the money which he had received for the stamps. The boy was then turned over to the United States Attorney for this district. Information was given, too, to Mr. George Treat, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

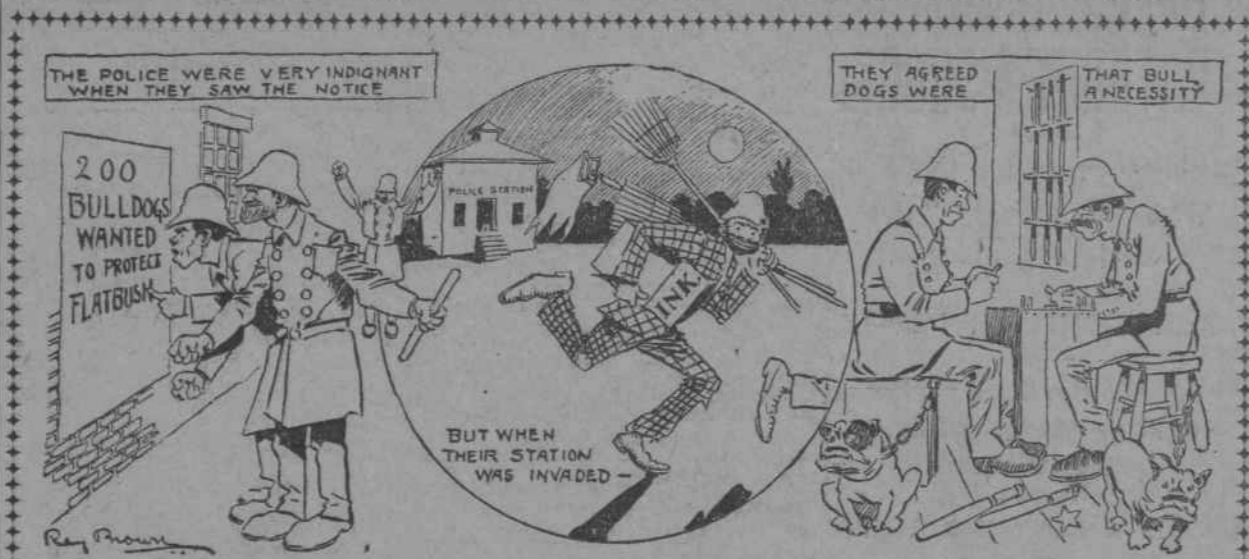
CHAPMAN MAKES WAR ON CAFE "LOOKOUTS."

Will Try to Suppress Those Who Give Warning When Police Approach.

Captain Chapman has begun war on the "lookouts" for East Side cafes and the women who loiter about them. These "lookouts" give warning of the approach of the police. Four men were arraigned charged with obstructing the police in the Essex Market Court yesterday. The police admitted making a mistake in one case, and the prisoner was discharged. Isaac Cohn, of No. 130 Allen street, was sent to the island as it was his second offense. He was fined \$30. The fourth prisoner was Max Spiegelberg. He was arrested at No. 135 Allen street by Detective Hutchinson and Captain Chapman, after a fight in which the detective used his club pretty freely.

Spiegelberg declared his arrest an outrage, and the clubbing a piece of unwarranted brutality. Witnesses corroborated his version of the affair. The detective said he was attacked by Spiegelberg's friends and had to use his club in self defense, and in this case he was supported by Captain Chapman. Magistrate Simms said he would give Spiegelberg the benefit of the doubt and let him go.

BOLD BURGLARS ROB THE FLATBUSH "COPS."



Whenever a burglar wants an easy piece of work at which no one will interfere with him and he will gain small profits quickly with little effort he goes to Flatbush. In that part of the world the people have got so far advanced that they own property worth stealing, but are not sufficiently progressive to lock it up.

The burglars became so aggressive not long ago that the Flatbush Taxpayers' Association was organized to circumvent them. Henry Green was made the president. He had been despoiled of a clock, a line stocked with linen, a washboard, board, an automatic burglar alarm and a watch dog. He was in a highly excited state of mind, and he was busy for some weeks making remarks reflecting on the police, whom he blamed for all his troubles.

"The police go to sleep out here without the aid of any soporifics," said Mr. Green one day when he felt sarcastic, "and any man who suffers from insomnia can get

over it by joining the Flatbush force and learning their ways." Mr. Green's cynical frame of mind grew on him, and he put a bitter advertisement in the newspapers asking for two hundred ferocious bull dogs, who would patrol the place and bite burglars. The police held an indignation gathering at which they scored Mr. Green and declared that his association was impertinent and that any reflections upon the force were unwarranted and due to envy, malice and all uncharitableness. They said they were the real bull dogs of the municipality.

While the police were holding a special session in their station house on Tuesday night, at which they said without any reserve whatever they thought of Mr. Green's Anti-Burglar Society, burglars broke into the station house and removed everything of value that they could lay their hands on.

The patrolmen who were not dozing made all kinds of speeches reflecting favorably on themselves. They said that when public spirited persons put on blue uniforms and marched the streets at inconvenient hours with the disinterested object of incurring whatever from the Flatbush peace authorities.

that impudent laymen should go out of their way to say things reflecting upon their technical equipment for the work involved.

So loud was their eloquence that the noise made by the burglars on the floor above, who were packing up all the available assets of the police station, passed unnoticed. The visitors took all there was that they could utilize. It included a dozen brooms, six feather dusters, six channels skins, six boxes of soap, a dozen large crash towels, a dozen small crash towels, six bottles of ink, six pots of superfine mullage, nine mops and nine dinner pails for the use of bluecoats who are on far-off beats. When the loss was discovered it was reported also that a policeman was missing, and it was assumed that the burglars had embroiled him, too.

The taxpayers' Association felt itself vindicated yesterday, and it was much in evidence. The valuation which Flatbush policemen put upon themselves as considerably reduced, and the chances are that the bulldog proposition will be revived here in a day or two without evoking any more sarcasm whatever from the Flatbush peace authorities.

Mansion has been ordered to be in readiness for his reception.

The finishing touches upon the inaugural message were made yesterday before the Governor-elect started for Brooklyn to attend the New England Society dinner. The main points of the message to the Legislature have already been published. Few important changes have been made.

JUSTICE WINS A RACE WITH TIME.

Plaintiff Being Aged and Ill, the Court Hurries His Case to Trial.

Friend Ellis and George Alger, each more than eighty years old, had a falling out last August and fought with their canes. Ellis sued Alger for \$10,000 damages. The case was pushed along on the calendar for fear that one or the other of them might die of old age. It came up in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday before Justice Jesse Johnson, and the plaintiff was given a verdict for \$250.

Ellis lived at No. 529 Third avenue and Alger at No. 184 Seventeenth street. It had been the custom of Ellis to visit his old friend every day, and he was not aware that Alger was a bit "peculiar." On the day of the fight the two men talked about the war and the host set out some grapes and crackers for his friend. Alger picked up a newspaper and in a cracked voice began to read the war news. They were seated then in the courtyard in front of the house.

Suddenly Alger became excited. He called Ellis names and told him to get out of the courtyard before he was a case for the coroner. Alger retorted with his cane. Ellis walked to the witness stand yesterday with the aid of a stick and told his story.

"Didn't you strike Alger?" asked Lawyer Raymond, on cross-examination. "Yes, I did," was the reply. "When he was hitting me I said to him: 'Mr. Alger, if you persist in this way of doing I shall certainly have to stop it.' So I was up with my cane and at him." Alger is ill at home with the asthma. His testimony, taken by a commission, was read.

He said that he told Mr. Ellis in a joking way: "Come now, get out before you happen to die and have to have a coroner's inquest here."

Ellis raised his cane and struck at him. He pulled the stick out of his hand and struck a few blows at Ellis's feet, but he was only "playing and skylarking."

Business Notices.

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WILL SMOKE OUT CANAL LOBBIES.

Senator Morgan Gets Authority to Make an Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Morgan has decided to unearth the lobbies that are endeavoring to prevent the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. He has declared open war upon them, and to-day, in executive session of the Senate, he secured the adoption of a resolution permitting his committee on the Nicaragua Canal to conduct an investigation during the Christmas holidays for the purpose of exposing the members and the interests of these lobbies.

Senator Morgan knows that the Pacific railroads, with Collis P. Huntington at their head; the Cragin-Eyre syndicate, of which William R. Grace is the principal, and the Panama Canal Company are doing their best in order to further their own selfish plans to defeat the object of the United States in getting exclusive control of an interoceanic canal.

His explanation of his purpose in the Senate this afternoon was readily accepted and his committee was authorized to call for papers and persons, was empowered to take testimony under oath, and in every other way was given authority to dig out the truth if it is possible.

The resolution as adopted reads thus: Resolved, That the committee on Construction of the Nicaragua Canal is authorized to sit in the recess of the Senate, or when the Senate is in session, and to send for persons and papers and administer oaths to witnesses and examine them touching any agreements or combinations of any persons or corporations in reference to the proposed canal, through the Republic of Nicaragua, entered into for the purpose of defeating or contriving the construction of such canal for the personal emolument of such person or for the benefit of such corporation.

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PARTY LEADERS TO MEET ROOSEVELT.

Platt and Anti-Platt Factions Will Urge Their Claims To-day.

Governor-elect Roosevelt and the Platt and anti-Platt leaders will meet in conferences here to-day, probably for the last time prior to inauguration. The programme is to determine whether Mr. Roosevelt will stick to the state of big State appointments, as published, or whether he will make concessions in the interest of harmony at the beginning of his administration.

Word was sent to Senator Platt at Washington last night that the Governor-elect would be here to-day and a part of to-morrow and he and Chairman Odell are expected to file their final demands within the next forty-eight hours. On his arrival here last night, the Governor-elect asked when General Francis V. Greene, his favorite candidate for Superintendent of Public Works, would arrive from Cuba. He was told that he could hardly get here before Saturday or Sunday. On reaching here the General will find an invitation to visit the Governor-elect at Oyster Bay. He will reconsider his refusal of Aldridge's place he will certainly be appointed, no matter what protests Platt and Odell may make.

On the way up from Oyster Bay the Governor-elect passed his time perusing an article on the Rough Riders, written by himself, praising the personal and professional qualifications of General Greene. In that very article Colonel Roosevelt frankly expressed the hope that General Greene would yet go to Albany and take hold of the canal department and straighten things out.

To-morrow the Governor-elect expects to meet and confer with the Regents of the University of the State of New York about educational matters. Mr. Roosevelt has finally decided to leave for Albany on December 29. This will bring him to the State capital that night, and the Executive

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in restoring to men the strength they need. Send your name and address to Dr. L. W. Knapp, 1138 Bull Building, Detroit, Mich., stating that you are not writing out of idle curiosity, but wish to make use of the prescription by giving the remedy a trial, will be answered promptly and without evidence as to where information came from.

The Dr.'s object of distributing this information free is to make men better acquainted with the remedies that exert an influence upon debilitated nerves and wasted vigor. Each different drug is thoroughly explained and the sufferer will thus know what he should use in his particular case in order to get the desired results. Write to-day. There is no doubt about the effect being genuine.

Mme. Algerie Reyna Barrios.
The customs officials at San Francisco, who had demanded \$20,000 duty on her collection of diamonds and other gems, are astonished at the discovery that most of them are "Barrios Diamonds," and that the entire collection did not cost \$20,000. Mme. Barrios is the widow of a former President of Guatemala, and her jewels were considered by everybody to be the finest in the world.

Why people continue to pay extravagant prices for diamonds is more than we can understand. Anybody who will read the following special dispatch, telegraphed from San Francisco last Friday to the leading newspapers of this city, will readily understand that it is no longer necessary to pay enormous sums for diamonds:

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Mme. Algerie Reyna Barrios's famous diamond necklace